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MEMORANDUM FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CONTROL
OFFICERS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

SUBJECT: New Cellular Multiple Contracts Awarded

On 6 April 2001, Cingular Wireless was awarded the consolidated invoicing contract to provide cellular products and services to the Government. Verizon Wireless is the current contractor for cellular products and services. This contract expires on 30 April 2001. However, the contract was recently extended to 31 July 2001 to allow for a smooth transition of services. Users continuing to use consolidated invoicing services provided by DTS-W, will transition from Verizon Wireless network to Cingular Wireless network. With consolidated billing, your invoice will be paid by DTS-W via obligated funds from your Billing Account Code (BAC). It also means that you will receive a new cellular phone with a new cellular phone number.

The Defense Telecommunications Service – Washington (DTS-W) has recently entered into a contractual agreement with cellular airtime service providers that allow the DoD community the option to purchase these services via their GSA Smartpay Purchase Card (formerly referred to as Impact Card and Agency Credit Card). The purpose of providing this option is to allow the customer the flexibility of using the direct billing purchase vehicle. Contracts for direct invoicing (credit cards) were awarded to AT&T Wireless, Cingular Wireless, Nextel, Sprint PCS, and Verizon Wireless. Using these contracts, TSCOs and authorized users can order cellular products and services via GSA Smartpay purchase cards. Orders placed via GSA Smartpay purchase cards will be directly billed from the vendor to the purchase card holder. Your agency's Smartpay credit card will be billed monthly for any recurring charges associated with your airtime package.

DTS-W is currently planning a TSCO workshop to introduce the newly awarded cellular vendors and their products and services. All vendors will have the opportunity to provide a brief presentation on their ordering procedures, products and services. It is anticipated that each vendor will have a booth or meeting room where potential customers can look at products and services and ask questions. Your DTS-W Account Manager will notify you of the time and place.

Cingular Wireless is willing to exchange any analog or digital phone with a selected digital dual band/dual mode phone at no cost to the Government. For high dollar cellular phones trade-in, Cingular Wireless and the Government will negotiate an equivalent model exchange or best dollar value for the old phone. Special discounted promotions on handsets and pricing plans will be available during their transition period which ends 30 June 2001.

Request TSCOs provide an inventory of their equipment including BAC(s), ESNs, equipment type and cellular phone number(s) at time of equipment swap. DTS-W requires an estimate of customers that will continue to use the consolidated invoicing contract and an estimate of customers that will change to a direct invoicing (GSA Smartpay purchase cards) contract for cellular products and services.

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